

OPIC Military Information from Potsdam

DATE OF CONTENT 18 to 31 October 1953

REFERENCES

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REMARKS.

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1. On 31 October 1953, the Kavallerie Schule in Krampnitz was occupied to capacity by 8,000 to 9,000 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets, most of them without insignia. Officers observed wore tank and artillery insignia. A tank unit, an SP gun unit and signal troops were observed. All quarters were lighted at dusk. Source determined that the [board] on some of the windows of the quarters, which were installed during the summer months, had been removed and the buildings occupied to capacity. On 18 and 21 October, [redacted]

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On 20 October, 25X1 about 30 soldiers left the installation for the construction of field cables in the training area north of the installation. On 23 October, about 200 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets and carrying carbines and submachine guns left the installation, heading for the training area in the northern sector of the billeting area. Officers observed wore tank insignia. The soldiers were very young; however, source could not positively determine whether they were recruits. On 25 October, 8 SU-76s were parked in front of the garages in the western section of the barracks installation. On 28 October, about 400 troops, apparently recruits, without weapons marched into the installation, coming from the direction of Satz-korn. At about 1 p.m. on 29 October, about 300 unarmed soldiers, apparently re- 25X1 cruits, marched into the installation, coming from the direction of the railroad 25X1 station.

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3. On 30 October, the northern section of the Delius Kaserne was occupied by troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery and motor transport insignia. The quarters were 80 to 90 percent lighted at dusk. No training activity was noticed. However, many soldiers were seen in the yard. 25X1

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4. On 30 October, the northern section of the Delius Kaserne was occupied to capacity. All quarters were lighted at dusk. On 19 October, 3 prime movers towing 122-mm field guns entered the installation, coming from Bornstedter Feld. On 22 October, about 60 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia marched to the installation from the firing ranges. On 22 October, 40 to 60 soldiers engaged in technical duty on 6 x 122-mm field guns and 8 prime movers in the barracks yard. [redacted] 25X1
5. On 30 October, the Hohenlohe Kaserne was only lightly occupied. Sentries wore red-bordered black epaulets with motor transport insignia. The quarters were about 20 percent lighted at dusk. No training activity was noticed in the billeting area. [redacted] 25X1
6. On 30 October, the Ludendorff Kaserne was occupied by troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery and motor transport insignia. On 19 October, the quarters were 80 percent lighted. The unit seemed to have returned to the post on 18 October. Imprints of tracks and guns led from the installation to the freight station at Wildpark. On 19 and 21 October, many soldiers were seen in the barracks yard. They carried boxes to the installation and engaged in re-conditioning work. On 27 October, about 20 soldiers did maintenance duty on 5 prime movers. ²
7. On 29 October, the Polizei Kaserne was occupied by about 400 troops. On 28 October, 28 soldiers left the barracks installation toward Potsdam. No training activity was noticed in the billeting area on 28 and 29 October. ³
8. On 29 October, the Adolf Hitler Kaserne was occupied by about 300 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with motor transport insignia. About 12 trucks practiced driving on Bornstedter Feld on 26 October and about 60 soldiers fell in in the barracks yard on 28 October. The gate on Pappel Allee was again occupied by a sentry. ⁴
9. On 29 October, the Kriegs Schule was occupied by about 650 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. On 26 October, about 40 soldiers drilled in the barracks yard and 65 other soldiers engaged in fatigue drill or received instruction. [redacted] 25X1
10. On 25 October, the NCO school was occupied by about 250 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets. [redacted] 25X1
11. On 25 October, the Polizei Kaserne was occupied by about 250 men who wore red-bordered black epaulets. On 23 October, no training activity was noticed in the billeting area. [redacted] 25X1
12. On 28 October, the northern and southern section of the Delius Kaserne were occupied by about 1,500 to 2,000 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. About 120 soldiers engaged in firing practice on Bornstedter Feld and in the billeting area on several days during the period of observation. [redacted] 25X1
13. On 28 October, the Hohenlohe Kaserne was occupied by 600 to 700 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery insignia. [redacted] 25X1
14. On 28 October, the Adolf Hitler Kaserne was occupied by about 300 troops who wore red-bordered black and black-bordered black epaulets. The number of troops seemed to have lightly increased. Except for driving practice, no training activity was noticed. [redacted] 25X1

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15. On 19 October, a shipment of 6 guns, 8 prime movers and 11 boxcarloads of troops numbering 180 to 200 soldiers were unloaded in Wildpark. The troops subsequently marched toward the barracks installations in Nedlitz. [REDACTED]

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6. On 28 October, the military quarters on Ernst Thaelmann Strasse in Babelsberg were vacant. The entrance was no longer guarded.

7. On 28 October, the quarters on Paul Neumann Strasse were no longer occupied by Soviet troops. [REDACTED]

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18. On 31 October, trucks occupied by troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with motor transport or tank insignia and carrying billeting equipment and ammunition boxes entered the Adolf Hitler Kaserne where they were unloaded. The [REDACTED]

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